

REMARKS

Claims 7-36 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, the specification is amended to provide a patent number for the cross reference. Claims 11-13, 15, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29, 35-36 are amended to correct minor grammatical errors. These amendments are not made for reasons of patentability. A terminal disclaimer is being filed herein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 7-20 and 22-36 are allowed.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 21 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,361,862. Attached hereto is a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection over these claims be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,



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